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PLAIN TALK TO THE FILIPINOS**BY A MINDANAO NEWSPAPER**

In the Mindanao Herald, published at Zamboanga, Mindanao, P. I., the following address to the Filipinos appears in English and Spanish parallel columns:

To the Filipinos:

The Herald desires to direct this particularly to you. We have no favors to ask, except that kind and courteous treatment that we have always received at your hands. We assure you that we appreciate this courtesy and have no other desire than to extend cordial, sincere courtesy in return. With this preliminary understanding let us speak with frankness.

A number of the Filipino people have a laudable desire to see perfect themselves in the art of self-government as to be able to acquire an independent national existence. For this ambition we commend you. It is a noble aim, and as a people we wish you all progress, prosperity and happiness.

There are some practical difficulties, however, which tend to obstruct the attainment of such a laudable ambition.

The family of nations is composed of jealous members. The competition between nations for industrial existence has become so keen that any sentiment which blossoms in the heart of the individual man gives place to cold, practical economic problems which largely shape international policies.

The need for expansion, to give place to the activities of the increasing population of the world, is a demand which can no more be curbed than can Taal Volcano be restrained. The nations of Europe are all seeking opportunities for colonization and trade expansion and they are prepared to back the demand by force of arms, and are for that purpose maintaining vast armies and navies.

China Snapping Over.

China, with her 450,000,000 of people is using the world as a vent and has already snatched over into the land bordering on the Pacific until her blood largely dominates trade and industrial conditions, particularly in these islands. China and Japan and portions of Europe have reached a stage of congested population where a day of idleness on the part of the individual means a day of hunger.

The great wars of the past have nearly all been brought about by conditions incident to this need of expansion of the nations.

This is a strenuous time for national existence. Japan is struggling under a debt which would crush a less courageous people. Old as the civilization of China is she is torn by internecine strife and besieged from without by no less than six nations, all clamoring for territory or trade privileges, and each nation is prepared to back its demands by force of arms.

The less powerful nations of the world have largely lost their identity. They dance to the tunes of those with the big ships.

If the United States is more generous than other nations in this great world game, it is only because as yet her need for expansion is less keenly felt.

A Family of Wolves.

What chance would a Philippine Republic have for survival among such a family of wolves as now occupy the chess-board in the great game of international politics? There are not enough pawns to begin to go around.

This is only the external view of the situation. The internal conditions merit consideration.

This fertile land lies largely idle for the want of hands and facilities to produce the food to maintain the scant population that exist. If a ship laden with imported food be delayed a month, a district is threatened with famine. Let a foreign fleet blockade the Philippine ports for ninety days and the people must, from hunger, sue for peace at any price.

Insect and fungus pests have destroyed your coffee and cacao fields. Cattle pests have laid your plowed fields and your fields have been claimed by the jungle. Locust pests have destroyed the small fields which you laboriously cultivate. Drought has taken its toll. Epidemic disease has repeatedly and persistently decimated your population. Nearly six out of every ten of your babies born, lie before attaining a productive age. Your population is divided into many tribes, with many dialects, with varied tastes, ambitions and customs. Illiteracy prevails; a very small percentage of the population being able to read and write.

Conditions of Unity Lacking.

There being no comity of language, religion, customs, thought and ambition, there cannot be in any large measure unity in a national spirit. A highly educated population is not difficult to govern, and the higher it advances in the intellectual scale the nearer it approaches to becoming self-governing.

A true republic can only exist

when the masses are sufficiently intelligent and cooperative to render the government a representative one. Otherwise the government must either be dictatorial or monarchial, in fact, if not in name.

Cuba, though a so-called republic, is in no sense a representative, independent one. She maintains a national existence only by the generosity and protective power of the United States. Let this be withdrawn for a day and her credit would become nil, her hoisted-up government would topple and her property be destroyed by revolution and brigandage. Yet students of political and economic conditions say that the masses of the Cuban people are infinitely farther advanced in qualifications for nationalization than the masses of the Filipino people.

It takes time and patient work to build a national sentiment. The United States government began this work in the Philippines with the introduction of its American school system. But this work is but barely begun. There must be thousands of your teachers trained to go out and extend this work to the millions of inhabitants, as yet, practically un-reached. Thus there may be gradually developed a common language, a common aspiration, a national spirit, that will be representative of the masses.

The Outstanding Pledge.

The pledge has been made and eventually—but we believe not soon—the Philippines will be tendered independence. The United States, in all sincerity, made an embarrassing mistake when she established Cuba as a republic without a period of preparation. It has cost her the necessity of making two invasions of Cuba in the interest of peace and stability and the necessity of maintaining a protectorate (in fact, if not in name); and it has placed her in an apologetic position before the world. We believe this lesson will cause her to move more carefully as to the Philippines. The responsibility of a protectorate here, except for territory retained, will surely not be tolerated by the American people. The situation of these islands at the very door of the most populous section of the world now merging from medieval to modern life involves responsibilities which cannot be gratuitously shouldered by America.

Policies of Factions.

There is a small faction in the United States which favors granting Philippine independence at an early date, claiming a friendly interest in your future welfare. There is a small faction which favors releasing the Philippines as a troublesome and expensive proposition. There is a large and dominant faction which is in favor of carrying out the policy outlined by President McKinley, and with that in view there has been a consistent effort to establish schools, reestablish the ruined industries and Filipinize the civil service as rapidly as the competence of the Filipino people permits. Exponents of this dominant faction, including President Taft, have placed the date of probable qualification for stable self-government at from thirty to fifty years hence.

We assure you, in all sincerity that we firmly believe that the "Jones Bill," or anything resembling this bill, cannot come anywhere near passing the democratic house of representatives. Many of the leading and able democrats oppose it. The fate of the recent "Eliar Lands Bill" in the democratic house, assures us that the "Jones Bill" will fare worse.

Withdrawal Would Be Calamity.
To those Filipinos having property interests, a withdrawal of the American government from these islands before the mass of the people shall have become qualified for self-government will be a calamity. Only the office seeker, seeking power for self-gain, can be even temporarily benefited by such disturbed conditions as must follow.

Bear in mind that an independent republican form of government calls for representation "of the people, by the people and for the people." Under a representative republic the pagan and Mohammedan tribes are as fully entitled to a voice in public affairs as the most highly educated. Thus far these people are skilled in asserting their desires through the medium of the bolo rather than the franchise. Prudence would seem to dictate that the public school be utilized to prepare the masses for an appreciation of the responsibilities of representative self-government before the substance is tendered them.

Problems for Filipinos.

In the meantime the Filipino people must also solve the various problems which are present and ever urgent. Disease of live stock must be stamped out and the herds replenished. Diseases which now sap the vitality of the populace must be checked by public and domestic sanitation. The frightful infant mortality problem must be solved. The general physique of the people must be

improved and a sturdy race developed which will have a longer period of productive life. A domestic and foreign trade must be developed with a proper balance. The idle lands must be irrigated and tilled. A domestic food supply must be established. Manufactures to treat the local raw products must be established, and for this purpose the rivers must be harnessed. Rail and wagon roads and telegraph facilities must favor intercommunication that there may be developed a united people. A latent reserve force must have been developed to effectually resist international aggressiveness.

Essentials of Independence.

When these and many other essentials shall have been developed it will be possible for the Filipino people to realize their ambition for national unity.

To attain that end cultivate the means necessary to that end. Till the soil. Educate your children in the trades, arts and professions. By industry accumulate property. Take an active interest in public affairs and loyally support a government which assures you protection in your home, opportunity for material and spiritual development, freedom of religion and a participation in governmental affairs as fast as you become qualified for the same. These are the essentials of true liberty.

HOME, SWEET HOME!

By John Howard Payne.

(The following song originally contained only two stanzas. The last two stanzas were added by an unknown author.)

Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home;

A charm from the sky seems to hallow us there,
Which, seek through the world, is ne'er met with elsewhere.

Home, home, sweet, sweet home!
There's no place like home; there's no place like home.

An exile from home, splendor dazzles in vain;
O, give me my lowly thatched cottage again!

The birds singing gayly, that came at my call—
Give me them—and the peace of mind, dearer than all!

Home, home, sweet, sweet home!
There's no place like home; there's no place like home.

How sweet 'tis to sit 'neath a fond father's smile,
And the cares of a mother to soothe and beguile!

Let others delight 'mid new pleasures to roam,
But give me, O, give me, the pleasures of home!

Home, home, sweet, sweet home!
There's no place like home; there's no place like home.

To thee I'll return, overburdened with care;
The heart's dearest solace will smile on me there;

No more from that cottage again will I roam;
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.

Home, home, sweet, sweet home!
There's no place like home; there's no place like home.

CAMPOR TREES IN AMERICA.
While wholesale druggists of this part of the country do not know of any genuine product of the camphor tree actually grown and distilled in any of our states, there may be on the market in some cities a camphor called American, which may have been put through some process in this country after importation.

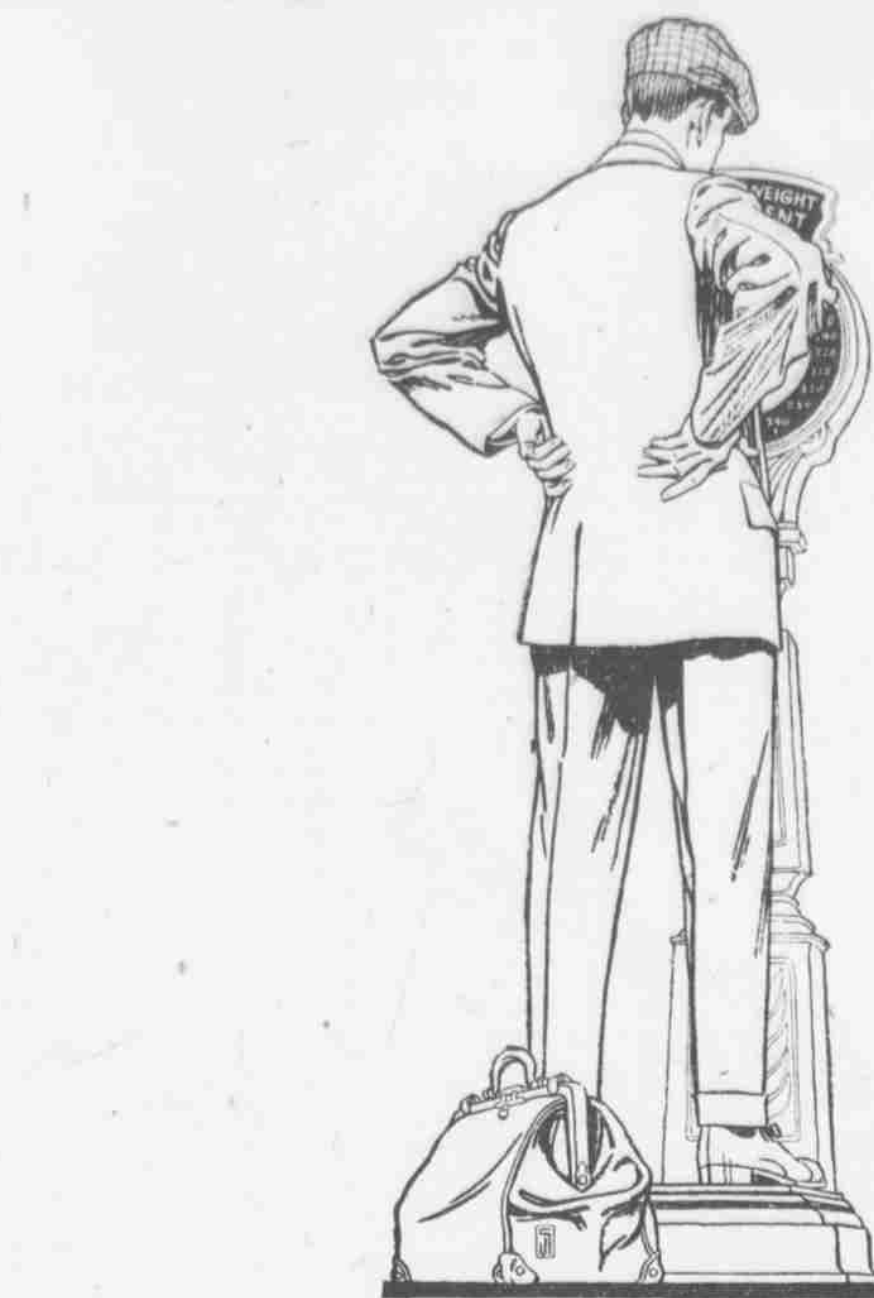
But the camphor of commerce, such as we buy at any drug store, comes mostly from China, Japan, Formosa and some other islands of the Orient, the Cincinnati Enquirer states. The laqueous tree containing the substance from which the camphor is produced by a steam process of distillation is cut down, that the cakes of the substance may be removed. The timber thus obtained is good for cabinets and clothes presses.

Seedlings of such trees were brought to the United States as early as 1879 and have been grown in Florida and perhaps some other gulf states and in California to adorn lawns and to serve as hedges and "windbreaks." There seems to be authority for the statement that a single nursery in Florida is selling annually 15,000 of these trees for these purposes.

MOONLIGHT BAND CONCERT.

The Hawaiian band will give a public moonlight concert this evening at Aala Park commencing at half past seven o'clock. The program:

March—Semper Fidelis.....Souza
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Intermezzo—Wahine Uli.....Berger
Selection—Pinafore.....Sullivan
Vocal—Hawaiian Songs, Art. by Berger
Selection—Romance of Two Cornets.....Losey
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